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IMPORTED EQUIPMENTS IN MEGA THERMAL PROJECT
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has approached the Ministry of Finance for exemption ofcustom duty for import of equipments for Mega Thermal Projects;

(b) if so, the reaction of the concerned Ministry thereto; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) to (c) : The revised Mega Power Policy of the Government of India wasannounced in November, 1998. This policy, prepared in consultation with the Ministry of Finance and other concerned Ministries/Departments of the Government of India,provides for zero custom duty for import of capital equipment for the 14 (5 projects in the private sector and 9 in the public sector) identified thermal mega power projects.

In addition to the above, the Sipat Super Thermal Power Project (4x660MW) being implemented by the National Thermal Power Corporation in Chhattisgarh, has been accorded mega power project status by the Government of India in December, 2001. The Ministry of Finance have been requested on April 5, 2002 for amending the relevant Custom Notification so as to include the above project in the list of projects for which zero custom duty will be available for import of capital equipment.